

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please cancel the title on page 1 of the specification and insert the following in its place:

**THERMAL AND/OR ACOUSTIC INSULATION MATERIALS SHAPED FROM
SILICA**

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO PRIORITY/PCT APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of FR 03/07903, filed June 30, 2003, and is the National Phase of PCT/FR 2004/001669, filed June 29, 2004 and designating the United States, published on January 13, 2005 as WO 2005/003057 A2, each hereby expressly incorporated by reference and each assigned to the assignee hereof.--